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SUBJ: TRANSGABON RAILROAD: SECOND LEG

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH RAWIRI JANUARY 1, HE AGAIN STATED THAT MAJOR PORTION OF CONSTRUCTION OF SECOND LEG (BOOUE-FRANCEVILLE) WOULD BE GIVEN TO MORRISON-KNUDSEN AND THAT HE HOPED COMPANY WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE FIRM OFFER BY END OF JANUARY. RAWIRI ADMITTED THAT LOCAL FIRM OF BERARDI ALONG WITH A BRITISH FIRM HAD BEEN GIVEN CONTRACT FOR DEFORESTATION OF SECOND LEG BUT MINIMIZED THIS OPERATION EXPLAINING THAT CUTTING TREES HAD TO BE STARTED IMMEDIATELY BEFORE FOREST GROWTH COVERED RAILROAD MARKERS.

2. RAWIRI AGAIN SUGGESTED HE MAKE TRIP TO U.S. IN EARLY FEBRUARY TO SIGN FINAL AGREEMENTS WITH M-K. PERHAPS M-K WOULD PREFER TO SEND SOMEONE HERE. ADVANTAGE OF M-K COMING HERE WOULD BE THAT THEY COULD DEAL WITH PRESIDENT BONGO AS WELL AS RAWIRI. MCKESSON

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